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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: September 30, 2004) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: TYRE HAVING A HIGH WEAR)
RESISTANCE, TREAD BAND)
AND ELASTOMERIC)
COMPOSITION USED THEREIN)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 16 of this paper.

An Attachment follows page 16 of this paper. The Attachment includes an Abstract of the Disclosure labeled as page 32.